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HEADQUARTERS BUREAU OF CONSCRIPTION,

DEPARTMENT TRANS-MISSISSIPPI,

SHREVEPORT, LA., AUG. 4, 1863.

GENERAL ORDERS,

NO. 5.

I. The following General Order, from the Department Headquarters, is published for the information of all concerned:

"HEADQUARTERS, DEPARTMENT TRANS-MISSISSIPPI,

SHREVEPORT, LA., August 1st, 1863.

GENERAL ORDERS,

NO. 33.

The enrollment of persons under the Conscription Act, approved September 29th, 1862, having been, by proclamation of the President, extended to embrace all persons between the ages of 18 and 45 years, who are not exempt by law; the commandant of Conscripts for the Department of Trans-Mississippi, will forthwith take such measures and issue such orders as may be necessary for the enrollment of all such persons.

By command of

Lieut. Gen. E. KIRBY SMITH,

S. S. ANDERSON, A. A. Gen."

II. Enrolling officers will proceed without delay to enroll, as conscripts, all persons between the ages of 18 and 45, who are not legally exempt from service.

By command of

Brig. Gen. GREER,

W. STEDMAN, A. A. Gen.

HEADQUARTERS BUREAU OF CONSCRIPTION,

DEPARTMENT TRANS-MISSISSIPPI,

SHREVEPORT, LA., AUG. 4, 1863.

GENERAL ORDERS,

NO. 7.

I. The following General Order from the Department Headquarters, is published for the information of all concerned:

"HEADQUARTERS, DEPARTMENT TRANS-MISSISSIPPI,

SHREVEPORT, LA., July 25, 1863.

II. The enrollment of conscripts is solely under the direction of the Conscription Bureau, the officers, thereof, acting under orders from the Department Headquarters, all other officers are therefore forbidden to enroll conscripts or recruit from persons within conscript ages, unless by special permission in writing from the Department commander.

By command of

Lieut. Gen. E. KIRBY SMITH,

S. S. ANDERSON, A. A. Gen."

III. Officers and others authorized to recruit or form new organizations and not having special permission in writing from the Department commander to recruit from or enlist persons within the conscript ages, cannot receive such persons until after they have been enrolled and assigned to them by competent authority. Officers who violate this order will be arrested and punished by a Court Martial, and conscripts who may enter organizations now formed or in process of formation, before they are regularly enrolled and assigned, will be deemed deserters and punished accordingly.

By command of

Brig. Gen. GREER,

W. STEDMAN, A. A. Gen.

HEADQUARTERS BUREAU OF CONSCRIPTION,

DEPARTMENT TRANS-MISSISSIPPI,

SHREVEPORT, LA., AUG. 4, 1863.

GENERAL ORDERS,

NO. 8.

Federal deserters between the ages of 18 and 45, who come within the Confederate lines, are required to take the oath of allegiance to the Confederate Government and submit to be enrolled as conscripts, in which case they will be detailed as teamsters or to such other duty as will not expose them to the hazard of capture by the enemy. If they refuse to take the oath and be enrolled, enrolling officers will arrest them and hold them subject to the orders of the Department or District commander.

By command of

Brig. Gen. GREER,
W. STEDMAN, A. A. Gen.

Headquarters Bureau of Conscription.

DEPARTMENT TRANS-MISSISSIPPI,

SHREVEPORT, LA., AUG. 4, 1863.

GENERAL ORDERS,

NO. 6.

1. The following Act of Congress and Regulations, are published for the information of all concerned:
An Act to repeal certain clauses of an act entitled an act to exempt certain Persons from Military Service, etc., approved 11th October, 1862.

"1. *The Congress of the Confederate States of America do enact*, That so much of the act approved October 11th, 1862, as exempts from military service 'one person, either as agent, owner, or overseer, on each plantation on which one white person is required to be kept by the laws or ordinances of any State, and on which there is no white male adult not liable to military service, and in States having no such law, one person, as agent, owner, or overseer, on each plantation of twenty negroes, and on which there is no white male adult not liable to military service,' and also the following clause of said act; to-wit: 'and, furthermore, for additional police for every twenty negroes, on two or more plantations, within five miles of each other, and each having less than twenty negroes, and on which there is no white male adult not liable to military duty, one person, being the oldest of the owners or overseers on such plantation,' be and are hereby repealed.

"2. For the police and management of slaves there shall be exempted one person on each farm or plantation, the sole property of a minor, a person of unsound mind, *feme sole*, or a person absent from home in the military or naval service of the Confederacy, on which there are twenty or more slaves: *provided*: That such exempted was employed and acting as an overseer previous to the 11th April, 1862, and there is no white male adult on said farm or plantation who is not liable to military duty; which fact shall be verified by the affidavits of said person and two respectable citizens, and shall be filed with the enrolling officer: *and provided* the owner of such farm or plantation, his agent or legal representative, shall make affidavit and deliver the same to the enrolling officer, that after diligent effort no overseer can be procured for such farm or plantation not liable to military duty: *provided further*, that this clause shall not extend to any farm or plantation on which the negroes have been placed by division from any other farm or plantation, since the 11th day of October, 1862: *provided further*, that for every person exempted as aforesaid, and during the period of such exemption, there shall be paid annually into the public treasury by the owners of such slaves the sum of five hundred dollars.

"3. Such other persons shall be exempted as the President shall be satisfied ought to be exempted, in districts of country deprived of white or slave labor indispensable to the production of grain or provisions, necessary for the support of the population remaining at home, and also on account of justice, equity, and necessity.

"4. In addition to the State officers exempted by the act of October 11th, 1862, there shall also be exempted all State officers whom the Governor of any State may claim to have exempted for the due administration of the government and laws thereof, but this exemption shall not continue in any State after the adjournment of the next regular session of its Legislature, unless such Legislature shall, by law, exempt them from military duty in the provisional army of the Confederate States."

[Approved May 1, 1863.]

II. Any person claiming exemption under the 2nd Section of the before recited act, will be enrolled as a conscript, and upon producing to the enrolling officer the affidavits, and paying the sum therein required, will be detained by the latter as overseer of the farm or plantation named in affidavits for 12 months. Upon the expiration of the year, the detail will be renewed under the same circumstances and upon the same terms and conditions. The sum required by the act will be paid to the war tax collector of the county or parish, who will transmit it to the chief Quartermaster of this Bureau, without delay.

III. Details will be allowed to owners and overseers in cases not strictly within the provisions of the said act, when justice, equity, and necessity so require, but in such cases, the applications must be supported by the affidavit of the applicant, and accompanied with a reasonable amount of sworn testimony. Such applications must be made to the enrolling officer, and if approved by him will be forwarded with the testimony to this Bureau for action. In case of non-approval by the enrolling officer, an appeal lies to this Bureau.

By command of

Brig. Gen. GREER,
W. STEDMAN, A. A. Gen:

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